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TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Regular Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Chairperson Cox at 7:31 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2006. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Participating by Telephone

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Board Members Not Participating

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3. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING STRIKER AMENDMENT RELATING TO FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGISTS

Dr. Cox explained that the other stakeholders interested in the legislation regarding complaints against judicially appointed psychologists were suggesting some modifications to the proposal put forward by the Board after its March 10, 2006 Conference Call. Board members discussed the changes after which a motion was made by Dr. Lovejoy, seconded by Dr. Santos de Barona, and carried (5-1), with Dr. Wiggins voting no, to modify the proposal so that allegations must be found to be without merit *and frivolous* for a licensee to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

A motion was then made by Dr. Lovejoy, seconded by Dr. Paul, and unanimously carried (6-0), to specify that allegations against judicially appointed licensees may be referred by the court or initiated by the Board. Dr. Lovejoy then also made a motion, seconded by Dr. Paul, and unanimously carried (6-0), specifying that judicially appointed licensees may not recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs when allegations are determined to be without merit and frivolous, if the matter was referred by the court or initiated by the Board.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Santos de Barona, seconded by Dr. Mellott, and unanimously carried (6-0), to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 a.m.

Prepared by:

**Marcus Harvey
Deputy Director**

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Gary D. Lovejoy, Ph.D.
Secretary**